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South Vietnam: There are more indications of discontent with President Thieu among some of the generals, but apparently there is no danger of an early move against him.

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The Lower House yesterday joined the Senate in rejecting the government's partial mobilization decree. The house voted to establish a committee to draft mobilization legislation on behalf of the assembly.

Despite this setback the government is apparently going ahead with plans to implement the controversial decree. Plans to recall veterans in the 18-33 age bracket were announced yesterday in Saigon.

Cambodia: Phnom Penh has commented officially on speculation in the western press about the possibility of Allied "hot pursuit" into Cambodia.

On 21 December Phnom Penh radio announced that "35,000 armed soldiers" and the "entire civilian population" would fight US troops if they invaded Cambodia.

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There is no evidence, however, that Phnom Penh intends significantly to strengthen its border defenses, even though Chief of State Sihanouk recently exhorted his people to prepare for a full-scale guerrilla war.

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